

Whiſch wickid werkis a niſt ſoule /
for þe lord þan deliuered þe from
me fro temptation: & kepe þe
fro me into þe day of doom to
be turneid / but more he þat
walken aſter þe fleiſch in con-
tente of vnderſtanding: & diſpen-
ſen lordſhip / & ben boold pletige
hem ſelf: & dreien not to byn-
ge þu ſettis blaſphemye / whi-
re angels whiſe þe be more i
ſtrengre & vti: berē not þat
was þe execrable dom aſens
hem / but þes ben as vnrſona-
ble beſtis kyndeli into takyng
& into deap: blaſphemye in þes
piges þat þe knowen not / & ſhu-
len perilt he in her corruption.
& reſpue þe hye of our iſtury-
neſſe / and þe geſſen delices of de-
ſoulyng & of weime: to be lykigis
of day / flowyng in her ſectis
whiſch delicias doyuge leatherie wy-
zon: & han þen ful of auowte &
conceytinge treſpas / diſſeynyng
vnderſtand ſoules: & han þe her-
te exetralid to conetpſe þe ſoules
of curſyng þat forſaken þe ryt
wey: & erride ſynge þe weye
of balaam of boloz / whiſch lounde
þe hye of wickidneſſe / but he had
de reſpue of his wickidneſſe /
adoub beſt condur zo þat ſpat
wyſdom of mā þat forbeod þe
vniſtydom of þe pſete. ¶ þes be
welhs wipoute watir: & wyſdom
driun wyſch ſynge wyndis: to
whiſche þe pſete nyſt of derfel-
his is reſerued / & þe ſpoken i þe
de of vanyte: & diſſeyneu in deſy-
ris of leatherie: hem þat apen a
hyt / whiſche þe uen in errour &
biſeten freedom to hem: whiſe

fleiſch
of

þe ben ſeruaſors of corruption for
of whom ony man is overcomi:
of hi alſo he is ſeruaſor / for if me
forſaken þe vnderſtanding: of þe wo-
ld: bi þe knowyng of onre lord &
ſanpouir iſhuſt: & eft ſoone ben
waſpyd in peſe & ben overcomi:
þe lattere pigis ben maad to hem
woſe þan þe forſake / for it was
bette to þe to not knowe þe weye
of ryghtwyſneſſe: þan to turne
aſen aſter þe knowyng: fro þat þe
ly mandement þat was bitakn to
hem / for wilke þe pſete biſet
de to hem: þe hoſid turnede aſen
to his caſtyng. And a ſorke is þe
whiſch in walyng in ſenne. ¶
¶ Ze moost dere wyſe
þyſen / write to þu þis
ſecunde epiſtle: in whiſch
i þre zoni clere ſoule by moner
tyng to gide: þat þe be myde ful
of þe wordis þat biſet ſeide of
þe hoſch pſetis: & of þe mande-
mentis of þe hoſch apoſtles of þe
lord & ſanpouir: firſt write þe þis
pymg þat in þe laſte dayes diſſeyneu
is ſhulen come i diſſent: goyn-
ge aſter her owne conetpſis: ſei-
yng wher is þe biſecte of þe
conyng of hi / for ſpen þe ſadys
diſſent: alle pigis laſten fro þe
bigyng of creatur: but it is ſhiden
fro hem wyllyge þis pig: þat þe
nes were biſet. & þe erpe of
watir: was ſtondige by watir
bi goddis word: bi whiſch þat
world denlid þane bi watir: by
watir: pulthide / but þe heueneſ
þat now ben: & þe erpe ben kept
by þe ſame word & ben reſerued
to fier into þe day of dome & per-
ditioun of wickid me / but þe mo